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First doctoral program introduced at Cal Poly

Seven adults enrolled in classes over the fall to take part in a new joint-degree program

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Cal Poly made history this quarter as students arrived on campus for the university's first joint doctoral program.

Seven adults, ranging from school principals to librarians, enrolled in classes this fall to take part in a new degree program in educational leadership.

The program works with University of California, Santa Barbara, where the students spent their first year of the program before beginning the second year at Cal Poly.

"We are creating a new graduate culture where students blend Cal Poly's mission of 'learn-by-doing' with the strong research tradi-

tions of UCSB," said Jim Gentilucci, co-director of the program and a faculty member in the College of Education at Cal Poly. "We believe this research-practice nexus will create new answers to educational problems that have plagued schools for decades."

Combining the talents of the two universities is appealing, said UCSB's Michael Gerber, co-director of the program.

"UCSB is classified as being a major research institution with a great reputation," Gerber said. "And Cal Poly has an excellent reputation in the field, one of the finest of that sort. Blending these two things will result in the betterment of the students."

Cal Poly is the second California State University school to offer a joint doctoral program with another UC campus. According to

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GrC department honored

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MUSTANG DAILY

After a trend-setting year for Cal Poly's graphic communications department, including an achievement in database imaging, the list of accolades and achievements is still growing.

Just recently, a program earned one of three Excellence in Education Award winners presented by the Electronic Document Systems Foundation.

The non-profit organization which has its roots in the document communications industry, hands out the awards annually to honor achievements and efforts related to printed media and graphics.

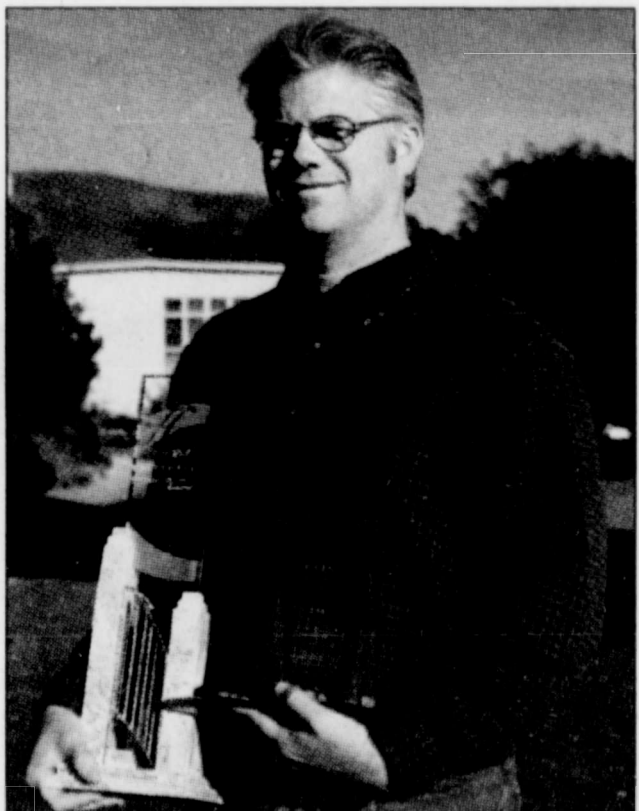
"Haven't they won enough awards?" graphic communications sophomore Cynthia Chen said.

As a student in the department she already knows what kind of

education she has received.

"The award recognizes that Cal Poly's graphic communication department is on the cutting edge of graphic communication education,"

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Graphic communication acting department head Malcolm Keif proudly displays the department's most recent awards.



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Students from Cal Poly residence halls competed in activities, such as Simon says, red light/green light, dodgeball, tug of war, basketball and soccer. The two halls with the most points won a free pizza party.

Santa Lucia hall battles best

Esmeralda Cisneros
MUSTANG DAILY

Santa Lucia hall emerged as the victor of the "Battle of the Halls" competition Nov. 19.

The competition was between Cal Poly's residence halls. For each of the activities, points are awarded, and tal-

lied up at the end to decide the winner.

Some of the activities included Simon says, red light/green light, dodgeball, tug of war, soccer and basketball.

The first and second place teams won a pizza party. Sequoia hall took

second place in the competition.

About 225 students competed in various events. Friends were on hand to cheer the competitors.

Biology freshman and Yosemite hall resident Katie James came to support her team and ended up participating.

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Bush touts U.S. backed anti-drug efforts

Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARTAGENA, Colombia — President Bush showcased American drug-fighting aid in Colombia and boosted a conservative Latin American leader with a stop Monday in the Andean nation where thousands of security forces deployed to safeguard his brief stay.

Bush's four-hour visit with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe in the seaside city of Cartagena was the final stop of a three-day Latin American trip.

Uribe planned to ask for continued U.S. aid to fight rebels and drug trafficking under Plan Colombia, which expires next year.

"It is very important that we are clear that we can't leave this task halfway completed," Uribe

said on Colombian radio.

Briefing reporters on Air Force One before it landed in Cartagena, a senior administration official made no commitment that the Plan Colombia program would be renewed. The official left no doubt that Colombia would continue to get aid, perhaps even an increase although it might be restructured.

The drug trade led to extraordinary security measures for Bush's visit. As the president's motorcade made a high-speed dash through the city, about 15,000 Colombian security forces were deployed for protection.

With workers given the day off, small knots of mostly impassive crowds gathered to watch

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Columbian protesters burn an American flag beside a poster that translates as 'Bush out.'

INSIDE

Being Muslim in a post-9/11 world

Study shows Muslims are sticking together more

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Women's field hockey undefeated

Mustangs beat UCSB in championship game 4-0

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WEATHER REPORT

TODAY		
Sunny	64°	Surf forecast
		Height: 2-3 ft.
		Direction: WNW
WEDNESDAY		
Sunny	69°	Sunrise 6:45 a.m.
		Sunset 4:53 p.m.

Doctorate

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California legislation put in place in the 1950s, only UCs are allowed to grant doctorates. To change this and let CSUs have doctoral programs on their own would take a "major shift in California's laws," Gerber said.

The average time it takes students to complete the program is three to four and a half years. Directors designed the curriculum so students could try to

begin and finish the program as a group.

Although the program is new, plans for it were discussed more than a decade ago.

"We began talking about (the program) in 1988, but put the idea aside because a new joint doctoral program was established then between UC Davis and Fresno State, the first of its kind," Gerber said. "And that one never got off the ground."

In 2001, when Cal Poly faculty re-approached UCSB with the idea, it was

well-received with few issues to work out.

"We were all wanting this to happen," Gerber said. "These are two very different institutions. The big ideas were easy to agree upon but it was the day-to-day basis of the program that was complicated."

Gerber explained that differences in financing policies, administration and faculty involvement sparked the most deliberation. After a year of negotiations and the approval of several com-

mittees, the universities got the green light to start the program.

However, not everything came glitch-free. One of the biggest obstacles program directors faced was the distance between San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

"Anything we can do to make that traveling distance less of a burden, the better," Gerber said. "Last year we had video conferencing for some of the courses, or we tried to schedule classes so students had to only come one day a

week."

Gerber said that the program still has a few kinks, but they are being worked out. After establishing the program, the main goal now is to focus on the students.

"We don't think of this as just an interesting new training program," Gerber said. "We want this to be something important in our relationship with the local schools. We want local schools to be interested in building talent for themselves."

Graphic

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department head Harvey Levenson said, "The electronic publishing and imaging concentration is unlike any other in education anywhere."

The concentration, which "covers

the study of print and digital media," headed by Michael Blum, is not going to stop and revel in the glory.

"As we developed the curriculum for this concentration, we needed to keep it flexible to handle new technologies as they are introduced," Blum said.

The ever-shifting canvas, which

Blum and the other leaders of the department must keep their eyes on, lends more credit to how dedicated the department is at making sure students get the best education.

"It has always been my priority as a department head to make sure that the faculty and staff are given the opportunity for a high level of pro-

fessional development, so they are indeed the experts in their field," Levenson said.

"Professor Blum is a genius when it comes to digital technology in graphic communication. The success of this concentration is completely attributed to Professor Blum," he said.

Blum believes the credit goes to other school departments.

"We offer a good foundation of courses within the department and we also rely on other departments including English and computer science who add to the students' breadth in the subject matters," he said.

Columbia

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the entourage speed along winding streets across inlets and past pastel-colored colonial buildings. Many seemed less interested in the motorcade than the military helicopters carrying armed soldiers that flew overhead.

U.S. Navy commandoes, toting assault rifles and peering through binoculars, patrolled the Caribbean waters in rubber boats, joining submarines and battle ships. Radar was used to search for hostile aircraft or missiles.

Despite the relative peace of the former Spanish fort compared with other parts of the country, Bush and Uribe skipped the picturesque walled city, meeting instead at

an island colonial estate jutting out into the glittering bay. Bush and his wife, Laura, were greeted by Uribe before a few dozen troops in white dress uniforms. Both countries' national anthems were played.

Over five years, Washington has given more than \$3 billion in aid to Colombia to combat cocaine production and the leftist rebels that finance themselves through drug-trafficking, kidnapping and extortion.

As part of a broader effort to improve the U.S. image in Latin America, Bush was highlighting progress in the nation that the American aid has helped to foster. The trip was also meant to underscore Bush's commitment to Colombia's war against drug trade as part of the war on terrorism, officials said.

In the two years since Uribe came to power, some measure of stability has been restored, with lower crime rates and kidnappings. Plan Colombia has helped jail scores of traffickers and reduce the coca crop by 20 percent for two years in a row, the official said.

And the battle against rebel groups — the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known by its Spanish acronym FARC, and the National Liberation Army, known as the ELN — is being expanded from the capital of Bogota to more rural areas, the official said.

The efforts have still failed to visibly reduce cocaine production or keep it off U.S. streets. And the 40-year-old insurgency continues to claim an estimated 3,500 lives every year.

Battle

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"I heard there was a hula-hoop competition," James said. "I entered it because I'm good at it, and I won."

Aeronautical engineering freshman Matt Pittenger, from Sierra Madre hall, played soccer for his hall, and was impressed by the good sportsmanship.

"It's a good way for everyone to have fun and enjoy a fair competition," Pittenger said.

Recreation administration junior Miles Floyd was one of four students that organized the event.

"We put in an average of 80 hours on the event this quarter," Floyd said.

A few of the students wore specific colors to represent their hall.

Humza Chowdhry, architectural engineering senior and returning Cerro Vista hall basketball competitor, came to show his abilities. Chowdhry had one idea in mind: domination.

"This inspired me to come and take the freshmen back to school," Chowdhry said.

Another returning student saw the event in a more simple way. Anna Hjelmroos, landscape architecture sophomore and tug of war competitor, saw the event as a good way to better relationships with fellow students.

"This event is an endless basket of curly fries with an awesome sauce," Hjelmroos said.



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YORBA LINDA — A small earthquake struck Orange County on Sunday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injury, authorities said.

The magnitude-3.0 quake hit at 9:39 p.m. and was centered about two miles southeast of Yorba Linda and about five miles northeast of Orange, according to a preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey.

A county sheriff's department watch commander said there were no reports of damage or injury.

SAN DIEGO — A lawsuit that could determine the outcome of the San Diego mayoral election is in the hands of a judge.

The lawsuit by the League of Women Voters of San Diego asks that all votes cast for a mayoral write-in candidate be counted, including ballots on which voters failed to fill in the circle next to her name.

Mayor Dick Murphy declared victory after he finished with 2,205 more votes than Councilwoman Donna Frye, the San Diego County registrar of voters said Friday.

The lawsuit by the League of Women Voters contends that "thousands" of voters wrote Frye's name but neglected to fill the optical-scan bubble. The registrar says state law prohibits such votes from being counted. But a judge could order the registrar to count write-in votes with no bubbles, which could tip

the election in Frye's favor.

BAKERSFIELD — The last free-flying California condor is back in the wild and recently fathered a chick.

The mature condor, known as Adult Condor 9, or AC9, was captured for breeding 17 years ago and released in May 2002. Keepers of the 24-year-old bird track him from a transmitter on his wings. Since then he fathered a condor chick, born in April.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

GLASGOW, Scotland — A British company said Sunday it was releasing a video game recreating the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

A spokesman for the president's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., called the game "despicable."

The Glasgow-based firm Traffic said "JFK Reloaded" was an educational "docu-game" that would help disprove conspiracy theories about Kennedy's death. The game is set for release Monday, the 41st anniversary of the shooting in Dallas.

Traffic said the game challenged players to recreate the three shots fired at the president's car by assassin Lee Harvey Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository.

Traffic's managing director, Kirk Ewing, said the game — available as an Internet download for \$9.99 — would "stimulate a younger generation of players to take an interest in this fascinating episode of American history."

"We've created the game with the belief that Oswald was the only person that fired the shots on that day, although this recreation proves how immensely difficult his task was," Ewing said.

In a statement, Traffic said it was "determined to promote the title respectfully," given the sensitivity of the subject.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

HOUSTON — A private jet that was en route to Houston to pick up former President George H.W. Bush clipped a light pole and crashed Monday as it approached Hobby Airport in thick fog, killing all three people aboard.

The Gulfstream G-1159A jet, coming into Houston, went down about 6:15 a.m. in an undeveloped area 1 1/2 miles south of the air-

port, officials said.

Bush was going to give a lecture for the Quayaquil, Ecuador, Chamber of Commerce.

LAS VEGAS — With former Oakland Raiders player Cole Ford undergoing psychiatric evaluation, a judge postponed arraignment Monday on charges that Ford shot at the home of entertainers Siegfried and Roy.

"His mental competence is an issue, we just don't know the

extent yet," Assistant Clark County Public Defender Daren Richards said after Clark County Justice Court Judge James Bixler reset Ford's arraignment for Dec. 17.

Ford, 31, was not required to enter a plea to felony assault with a deadly weapon and other charges in the Sept. 21 shooting.

NEW YORK — The basketball players union on Monday is expected to appeal the suspensions

of NBA players involved in a melee that broke out after Friday's game between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons. Overall, the NBA issued some of the harshest penalties in its history by banning nine players for more than 140 games.

The Pacers' Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season, making it the strongest ever levied for a fight during a game.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran announced Monday it has suspended uranium enrichment, and the head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog agency said he believed all Iran's enrichment activities have stopped, the central part of an agreement with Europe designed to head off possible U.N. sanctions.

The announcement came days

ahead of a key meeting of the agency's board to judge Tehran's compliance with the agency's investigation into nearly two decades of hidden nuclear activities.

If the International Atomic Energy Agency rules that Iran is honoring its commitment to suspend enrichment, it will be a setback to U.S. hopes of referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen on Monday assassinated a member

of an influential Sunni clerics' group that has called for a boycott of national elections, just a day after Iraqi officials announced the balloting would be held Jan. 30 in spite of rising violence in Iraq.

Sheik Faith Mohamed Amin al-Faidhi, a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, was shot by gunmen in northern Mosul.

KIEV, Ukraine — Thousands of demonstrators jammed downtown Kiev in freezing temperatures

Monday night, denouncing Ukraine's presidential runoff election as fraudulent and chanting the name of their reformist candidate who authorities said was trailing in the vote count. Viktor Yushchenko stood beaming on a platform with campaign aides and flashed a "V" for victory sign — even though the Central Election Commission said earlier that with nearly all the votes counted, he was losing to Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

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Thanksgiving travel forecast to be back to pre-Sept. 11 level

Even with record-high gas prices, experts expect holiday travel this week to be the busiest since 2000

Brad Foss
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Consider these journeys: Dallas to Santa Fe, N.M.; Salt Lake City to Las Vegas; and Daytona Beach, Fla., to Washington, D.C. — in a car. These are the kinds of road trips some Americans are gearing up for as Thanksgiving approaches.

Even with gasoline prices almost a third higher than a year ago, 30.6 million people, or 3 percent more than in 2003, are expected to hit the road for a turkey dinner before the week is up. Another 6.6 million are likely to travel by plane, train or bus, adding up to what will be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000, according to a telephone survey conducted for the American Automobile Association by the Travel Industry Association of America.

Thanksgiving is traditionally the peak business period for the airline industry, but passenger traffic fell sharply after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, accounting for the overall decline in holiday travel in 2001 and 2002. Auto traffic fell slightly in 2002 but, along with air traffic, has risen steadily since then.

Guillermo Font will drive his Lincoln LS 1,600 miles from

DeBary, Fla., near Daytona Beach, to the nation's capital and back, to spend the holiday with his daughter.

"I like to drive," said Font, a 71-year-old architect, who likes to "fool around" with his GPS system while listening to Latin ballads and classical music on the road. He figures on spending \$300 round trip for gasoline (premium), food and an overnight stay in Lumberton, N.C.

Paula Silsby of Portland, Maine, said as long as there isn't a snowstorm she looks forward to the annual three-hour pilgrimage north to her parents' home in Ellsworth. The 53-year-old Justice Department lawyer said she finds comfort in the

has gradually been reversed and AAA says this will be the first year since then that total Thanksgiving traffic — estimated to be 37.2 million Americans — will exceed the level of 36.8 million set in 2000. The heaviest Thanksgiving travel — 41.6 million Americans — occurred in 1995, according to AAA, the Orlando-based travel agency.

The Transportation Security Administration, which oversees passenger screening, has set up a Web site that gives estimated wait times for every airport, <http://wait-time.tsa.dhs.gov/index.html>.

Spokesman Greg Martin said the nation's aviation system, which has seen a 52 percent spike in delays this year because of bad weather and rising demand, should operate more efficiently than it did a year ago. That's because some of the largest airlines, including AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. have "de-peaked" their schedules, or smoothed out the flow of traffic more evenly throughout the day, particularly in busy cities such as Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta.

That said, American, the nation's largest carrier, is advising travelers to get to the airport more than 90 minutes before flight time due to the anticipated long waits at security checkpoints and check-in. For those riding the train, Amtrak is warning

that ridership the day before Thanksgiving will be 80 percent higher than a typical Wednesday and that passengers should expect trains to be crowded. It's not uncommon for Amtrak passengers on the busiest unreserved trains between Boston and Washington to stand in the aisles.

The cost of diesel fuel is sharply higher — averaging nearly \$2.10 per gallon in the Midwest, compared with \$1.47 a year earlier.

For the tens of millions of people planning to drive, travel will most definitely be more expensive this

year. Gasoline prices are up more than 30 percent from a year ago at \$1.97 per gallon nationwide, according to Energy Department statistics. Conversely, the cost of air travel remains cheap even as demand picks up and air carriers' fuel bills remain high.

Thanks to intense industry-wide competition stirred up by budget carriers such as Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp., leisure fares are 19 percent below year ago levels on average, according to Harrell Associates.

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"There's usually very little traffic," said Silsby. "I take my mug of tea and a bottle of water. It's a very Zen thing going home for Thanksgiving."

fill up quickly and preflight screening lines are likely to be longer than usual, industry officials said. The steep drop-off in air travel that followed the 2001 terror attacks

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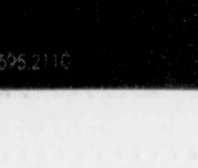
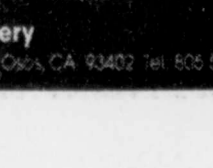
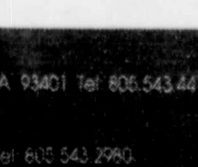
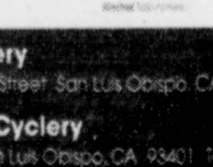
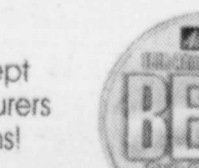
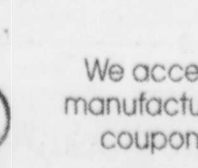
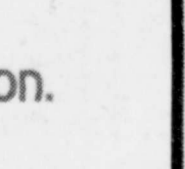
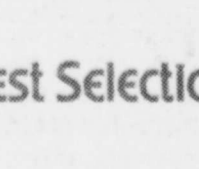
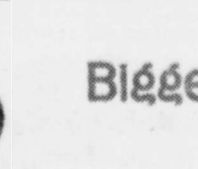
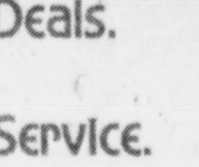
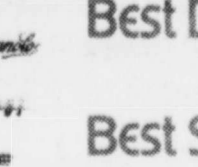
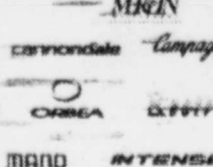
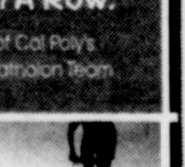
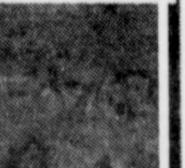
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Cold War relic, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, gets facelift

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Ronald Reagan used it to reach out to the Soviets during the Cold War. Lech Walesa, the leader of Poland's Solidarity movement, likened it to the sun lighting the Earth. Rock band R.E.M. immortalized it in a cynical hit song.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is trying to woo new listeners in Russia with a controversial overhaul that former dissidents and other critics contend will compromise its reputation and influence as a beacon of democra-

cy. "We're becoming just another bunch of blah-blah-blah on the air," Lev Roitman, a senior commentator for the private U.S.-funded station, said Thursday. "They must be idiots to do something like this at this critical time in Russia."

Officials at RFE/RL's football field-size newsroom, housed in Prague's communist-era parliament building, an imposing edifice of black granite circled by heavy concrete barricades and machine gun-toting guards, say they simply want

to modernize the programming and expand its reach.

The station's primary target is urban, employed, university-educated Russians aged 35 and up. Key changes include more call-in shows, a Web site overhaul to appeal to the 18-plus crowd and a shift from longer evening programs on human rights.

"It's about our survival, not our mission," he said. "Listeners in Moscow tell us our programming is a little old-fashioned, that we still sound like a dissident radio. We're just revamping. We want to be a

local radio with a global perspective."

The broadcaster, which gets \$75 million a year from Congress, has moved key positions to Moscow and now broadcasts 70 percent of its material from the Russian capital. Critics say that exposes the station known Radio Svoboda, Russian for "Liberty," to government intimidation and the threat of censorship.

"If anything similar to the current plans of the RFE/RL management would have been suggested in Soviet times, there would have

been no doubt as to the source of inspiration: the KGB," Elena Bonner, the widow of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov, wrote earlier this month in an open letter to Western media.

"Can anyone think of a more Cold War-type operation than one that pretends to disguise a radio funded by the U.S. Congress and based in the Czech Republic as a local Russian radio?" she said, denouncing the plan as superficial and "a stupid gimmick."

The station also airs broadcasts in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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'American Dream' a reality for three graduating seniors



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'American Dream' is the collective work of three senior projects. The play opens Dec. 2 in the Black Box Theater in the music building.

Louise Dolby
MUSTANG DAILY

Three theater seniors are realizing the "American Dream" as their senior projects reach completion with the opening of a play Dec. 2 on campus.

Director Evan Pohl, set designer Lindsey Kronmiller and costume designer Michelle Cannon joined forces to bring Edward Albee's 1960s black comedy, "The American Dream," to life.

"Working on this production was a great way to knock out three senior projects in one quarter," Kronmiller said.

In January, Pohl noticed a trend in American pop culture (from watching reality shows) like "Who Wants to

Marry a Millionaire" and "The Bachelor." He noted Americans are looking for the perfect house, perfect spouse and a perfect life that includes an enormous amount of money. Americans are searching for these ideals to create the "American Dream."

As he began thinking about his senior project, Pohl re-read Albee's play and noticed it strangely paralleled the phenomenon in today's culture, even though it was written in 1963. "The American Dream" is a farce of American reality, a black comedy reflecting the society and culture of the nation.

"I chose this play to show people that the popular ideal of the 'American Dream' is picking up more

steam and coming back in another way," he said. "I wanted to bring it up again to make a comment on society and hopefully make an impact on the audience."

Pohl is a theatre arts major with an emphasis in film. He has worked on more than 15 short films in the past three years and directed his first play last spring.

After he graduates in December, Pohl plans to move to Los Angeles to work for "Entertainment Tonight" before starting graduate school in the following fall. In the future, he hopes to direct major Hollywood films.

"Stage directing is not what I plan on doing after I graduate, but a senior project is supposed to be challenging," Pohl said. "It's been an extremely long process."

After Pohl decided to direct a play for his senior project, his adviser recommended he collaborate with Kronmiller and Cannon, who were also looking for senior project ideas. They read the play and agreed to contribute their talents to the production.

"The first couple times I read the play I liked it, but you have to look deeper," Kronmiller said. "It's an absurd, dark, black comedy, but at the same time is truthful about American culture."

Kronmiller went to an arts magnet high school in North Carolina where she helped with seven productions in one year. Her emphasis has been set design, but after college Kronmiller wants to apply her knowledge to event planning and design.

"I'm taking what I've learned in theater and am going to apply it to event planning and design," she said. "If you have a passion for something at a certain level, you can always learn more. I feel like I'm having a different college experience since I get to learn about something I love, but the end result isn't always a lot of money."

Unlike Kronmiller, Cannon plans to stay in theater after she graduates in June. She plans to continue acting, dancing and costuming for theater

productions and possibly attend graduate school. Cannon jumped at the idea of collaborating with Pohl and Kronmiller on "The American Dream" since it would be a great opportunity to have her costumes seen.

Since "The American Dream" is set in the 1950s, Cannon researched the decade to figure out what the characters would have worn. She used cultural icons like Marilyn Monroe for inspiration in building two original costumes, and gathered the rest from thrift shopping to match the look of the show.

"The nice thing with theater is you can play with things a little bit," Cannon said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the final show to make sure everything I had in mind actually works."

"The American Dream" features a cast of five Caucasian actors that Pohl feels reflects the lack of diversity in society and more specifically Cal Poly. He expects this production will create

dialogue and controversy since it addresses the question, "Are we getting what we really want, or just what we think we want?"

"The American Dream" runs Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. in the H.P. Davidson Music Building 45, room 212, known as the "Black Box." Ticket reservations can be made by calling 801-4561.

"They talk about a senior project being the capstone of the college experience, and that's what it has been," Kronmiller said. "It's been a lot of work but there's a point when you have to stop and say 'this is what we've created.'"

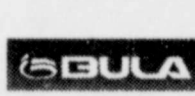
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9/11 AFTERMATH

Muslims' challenges increase in post-9/11 world

Muslims throughout America, including San Luis Obispo, face prejudice which has led them to feel closer to one other

Erica Dummond
MUSTANG DAILY

After Sept. 11, 2001, Americans feared for their lives, loved ones and the future of the country, but one group in particular suffered the brunt of the attacks' backlash: America's Muslim community.

Talk of Islam and the ways of the Muslim faith were splashed all over the front pages of newspapers and magazines in the months following the attacks, usually linked to terrorism and the hijackers.

In these critical months, many feel the media created a mass misrepresentation of Islam, one that snowballed into bigotry and hatred in some Americans' minds.

"The media display things in a way where people think the war on terror is a war on Islam. The media has such an influence; they could have used it to display the truth," said Farhan Dani, Vice President of Cal Poly's Muslim Student Association and electrical engineering sophomore said.

Naiyerah Kolkailah, biology junior and former president of Cal Poly's MSA agrees.

"Ninety percent of the information the media give about Islam is incorrect," she said. "Everything you hear about Islam is its supposed relation to terror, but 'Islam' as a word means 'peace.' Islam says that if you kill one person unjustly, you kill all of humanity. If you look at that and what the media say, they're completely opposite."

MSA's president and electrical engineering junior Hashir Boqai feels Muslims are being stereotyped as terrorists.

"Granted, a lot of the terrorists



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Cal Poly Muslim Student Association president, Hasir Boqai, prays towards Mecca after sunset but before dark at a local mosque on Santa Rosa Street. Many Muslims have fallen victim to racial discrimination.

were Muslim," he said. "But the problem is the media focuses on their religion, so people associate (the terrorists) with the whole religion."

"The KKK are a group of Christians doing something bad," Boqai said. "Now, I don't know much about Christianity, but I could associate it with the bad things the KKK do, but I don't."

Many feel this misrepresentation of Islam allowed bigotry to spread, resulting in numerous hate crimes across the country. Mosques have been burned, people's houses have

been vandalized and Muslims have been brutally attacked.

The acts have grown less frequent since Sept. 11, but nonetheless, they are still there. Just last year someone broke the window of the mosque on Santa Rosa Street.

Kolkailah said her sister had a knife thrown at her while she was in a Laundromat but came out unharmed.

Despite attacks like these — or even perhaps because of attacks like these — studies have shown that the Muslim community has grown more

united since the Sept. 11 attacks.

In fact, there was an increase in the amount of people converting to Islam after Sept. 11, more so than ever before.

"More people became Muslim just because they were interested," said Kolkailah.

The MSA holds several events to keep people interested in the religion and to try to give people a deeper understanding of it.

Earlier this month, MSA hosted their first "Fast-a-thon," in honor of the month of Ramadan. They invit-

ed Cal Poly students to fast from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., ending the day with a feast at Chumash Auditorium. For each person who signed up, Calzyme Laboratories donated \$5 to the San Luis Food Bank to help feed the hungry. A total of \$400 was raised.

"It's humbling towards the end of the day [of fasting] when we realize how dependent we are on our provisions," Boqai said during the fast.

He said the point of the fast is to experience what it's like for other people without food and to discover humility and insight.

"Today's hunger was an ache in your side," he told the Fast-a-thon participants. "Real hunger is an insecurity — not knowing where or when your next meal will be."

The event sparked a large turnout from Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

"We got a pretty good response," Dani said. "More than we expected."

He said larger campuses have held the same event and got a little over 100 volunteers. Cal Poly had over 80 participate, which he said was "a good size for our campus."

Nutrition freshman Hannah Espedal said she decided to fast because she likes getting involved in interesting things.

"It was really hard (to fast) because I couldn't even drink water," she said. "I mainly wanted to do it because I knew it was a charitable event for the homeless."

Next quarter MSA will continue to host events to create a better understanding of the religion, such as "Islamic Awareness Week."

Dani said a lot of events the club hosts are specifically for non-Muslims.

"The MSA is trying to clear up any misconceptions," said Boqai. "There's definitely a dividing barrier — people feel like Islam is a distant 'over there' religion."

REVIEW

'National Treasure' a national disaster

Tom Hanada
THE STANFORD DAILY

The pieces are in place. The credits of the people who created "National Treasure" are just amazing. It stars Nicholas Cage. It's directed by Jon Turteltaub whose fame comes from "Cool Runnings." The writers collectively turned out works such as "Taxi" and "Charlie's Angles: Full Throttle." The male supporting character's (Justin Bartha) last major movie was a role in "Gigli." And the producer (Jerry Bruckheimer) also produced "Kangaroo Jack." Clearly, all the elements have combined to create what will surely be great cinema.

Cage plays a historian from a family searching for a great treasure that was hidden by the founding fathers of the United States within historical monuments and artifacts. He is joined by Riley Poole (Bartha), the sarcastic comedic relief who (luckily for the audience) doesn't know anything about history and forces Cage to explain the entire plot to him. Their search leads them to the Declaration of

Independence where, while stealing it, they run into the attractive curator of the National Archives. During the entire hunt, they are pursued by Sean Bean's character, Ian Howe, who also wants the treasure.

Bruckheimer has attempted to capitalize on the success of Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" by creating a story where historians find hidden clues among well-known artifacts. The conceptual thievery is blatant enough to even include the Knights Templar as the ancient creators of the clues and puzzles. But while "The Da Vinci Code" shocks the reader by revealing actual unnoticed secrets (I immediately had to look at copies of "The Last Supper" after reading), "National Treasure" just decides to make up its own myths surrounding national artifacts. Don't expect any revelations from this movie.

But one thing book and movie have in common is bad writing. The characters are weak with little personality or depth, the plot is predictable and the whole story

lacks any believability.

Despite these major script flaws, Bruckheimer has once again created a stereotypical Hollywood movie that the audience can enjoy if they completely suspend their disbelief. The action line of the movie has a little bit of everything. It starts with an explosion that quickly leads into a heist. The heist lasts for all of 20 minutes before being replaced by a car chase which gives way to treasure hunting. This transitions into a pursuit and some cops against robbers action. It finally reaches the Indiana Jones stage before ending with some poor character revelation.

With so many different types of action movies slammed together, no particular sequence stands out. Yet, the action, in traditional Bruckheimer style, ties the movie together and makes the entire experience forgettable but enjoyable. So turn off your logical mind, stop caring about characters and walk in with low expectations. Enjoy a contrived, forgettable but exciting action movie.



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Nicholas Cage can chalk up 'National Treasure' as another uninspiring film along the lines of 'Con Air.' However, audiences didn't agree: The film debuted at number one, grossing more than \$35 million last weekend.

COMMENTARY

Nervous mishaps happen to us all

Dear Kristen,
This is going to sound really stupid, but I am literally the clumsiest person alive when I get nervous. Most of the time I don't care, but it's starting to really affect me. Last week I was in the UU and I fell down the stairs right after I saw this guy I like. Another time I had to give a presentation, and I blanked for a good minute. It was awful. The list goes on and on. I know these aren't panic attacks or anything, but what should I do?

— Lauren

Dear Lauren,
So you're the girl who fell down the stairs last week ... kidding, kidding. I'm sure no one remembers.

Well, this is what I think. You are stressing way too much over little things. What's probably happening to you is that you become completely overwhelmed and you lose your bearings. Does everything get a little fuzzy, and you're not too sure exactly what is going on around you? You need to focus on the catalyst of your nerves, instead of letting them get the best of you. Pull yourself together, and get through these situations.

However, if you're just a clumsy person in general, blame defunct genes. But seriously, there will be times when you can't control the way you react. The best thing to do is just walk away and pretend nothing happened.

For example, I took speech my first quarter. The class was in the spider building and I got lost finding the room almost every time. I usually allowed

myself extra time to get to class, but I was running late the day I had to give my speech. To make a long story short, as I was running to class I tripped. Like a face-first, flying trip. My books went everywhere. My pants ripped and my knees were bleeding. Just thinking about it makes me cringe. To make matters worse, I realized I was going to be late for a class I couldn't even find. And then I saw him. A guy from my class who had witnessed the whole thing. As mortified as I was, I approached and walked with him to class. The point is, I survived. And I seriously doubt anyone remembers seeing some girl eat it on her way to class two years ago, except for maybe my classmate. Everyone does dumb stuff once in a while. Some things you just can't help. The moral of the story is that shit happens, and sometimes you just have to suck it up and move on.

Dear Kristen,

Hypothetically speaking, say my roommate came home really drunk one night, and proceeded to pass out next to me in my bed. After about 10 minutes, he relieved himself all over both of us. Does this mean that we are gay?

— Nearly Naked Neighbors

Dear Neighbors,

No. It means that you woke up smelling like urine, and you should wash your sheets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexual relationships cannot be called marriage

Homosexual couples should have all the same benefits and rights as a married heterosexual couple. There's no reason to stop people who want to live together from doing so. Two people who want to spend the rest of their lives together should certainly be eligible for the same sort of tax breaks, shared incomes and shared belongings. Heck, they can sleep in the same bed, change their names and buy each other rings if they want. I don't necessarily think this is "right," but that doesn't mean I would ever try to stop it from happening.

However, calling this marriage would be an error. Where do we get the definition of marriage? It's not from the U.S. government. It's not from Webster's dictionary. It is from one of the oldest pieces of literature ever: the book of Genesis. You don't have to be religious to realize the original definition of marriage is the union between a man and a woman.

If you want to be life partners and be together "til death do you part," that's great. Go for it, but call it what it is.

If for the first week of every month I got upset and irritable for the entire week, I could never call it PMS. It may be very similar, it may happen every single month, but it would still not be PMS. I cannot have PMS. I am a male. It just cannot be. Similarly a man just cannot be another man's husband.

Travis Thompson

General engineering senior

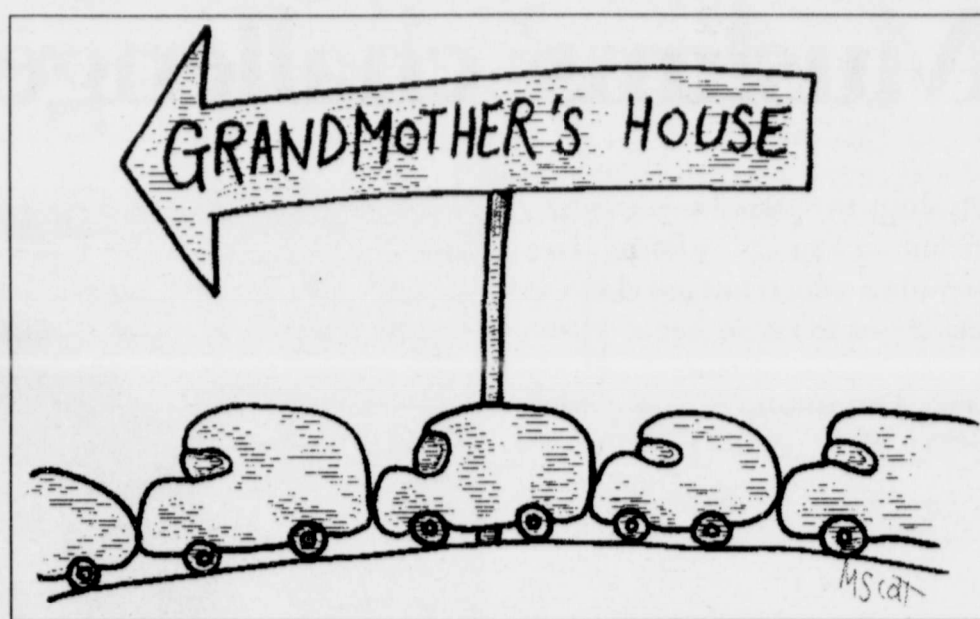
One's morality is not based on one's belief in God

In response to Tony Casparro on Nov. 14, your appraisal of morality was spoken like a true Christian. Though, at least in part, it was incorrect.

I never thought, that as an engineering student, I would ever get the chance to use much of anything I have learned in my cultures of Japan class. Yet, here I am quoting the facts.

Japan, a country of about 125 million people, has two religions that are practiced by nearly the entire country, in conjunction.

The two religions, Shinto and Buddhism, do not believe in God, nor a single god in the sense that we think of God. Still, Japan has, per capita, a fraction of the mur-



MARGARET SCOTT MUSTANG DAILY

ders, armed robberies and theft compared to the United States. Surely this is a testament to morality. So what is the basis for morality? The basis is empathy and understanding of obligations to one another.

That said, I have two points. First, realize that as Christians we make up a minority in the world and that many people, if not most, don't believe in a single God. Second, please don't base your judgment of one's morality on one's belief in God.

Nearly every religion has the same basic laws. Don't hurt others. Don't kill, rob, assault or otherwise screw with your neighbor, and ideally he will do the same.

What we all need to do is sit down and look at what exactly is basic morality. We should be inclusive of one's faith regardless of the name it carries.

Aaron Lubiszewski

Electrical engineering junior

The Snakehead fish is a testament of evolution

In response to Brian Crawford, you want a fish with legs? How about a fish that walks?

The Snakehead, an Asian fish that found its way to the states, is also known as the "walking fish." It can consume a pondful of fish and limp on its very strong pectoral fins to another pond. It can breathe air and survive for days on land if it stays wet. How's that for evolution?

Elizabeth Gillingham

Animal science senior

Scientific theory outweighs childish, weak arguments

David Thornhill, I like how you use the universality of cause and effect to conclude that there must be a god, and then make your god exempt from cause and effect.

It's cute. It's also a really, really weak argument.

You remind me of a first grader defending his imaginary friend. You're flapping your arms trying to

justify your already set beliefs. No cause for the big bang? God! No cause for god? No problem!

"Oh yea? Well, he exists outside of time, so there!" Makes for great banter if you're 6. Kinda childish past that, though.

Religion has a place, but don't let it blind you to the world around you, and don't let it cloud your judgment when it comes to solid, scientific theory.

Assaf Kremer

Computer engineering junior

Displays aim to hurt every minority group on campus

Being a political science pre-law student, I am all for First Amendment rights, even if those rights happen to lead to messages that are offensive.

However, I also believe in moving forward. After seeing the display on Dexter Lawn, "Know Your Role," I began feeling that people are now just out to hurt every minority group at Cal Poly.

The message appears to state that women should only be mothers, housewives or strippers. This is obviously a message that moves women backwards.

I enjoy my freedoms as a woman and as an individual. I don't appreciate someone telling me that I don't have a place in college, and that I am only worth what my husband makes or what a man will pay for me.

The messages that Cal Poly students are sending out in their displays are very derogatory and rude, and I know that Cal Poly students are smart enough to create less derogatory ways to spread their message.

Lastly, the displays have already spread their message toward homosexuals and now females. What is next? Minorities and Jews? How about a message that is hurtful toward white men? That's probably something that we'll never see at this campus.

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Deer hunter kills five, wounds three in dispute over hunting spot in Wisconsin

Furthering the regional feud between Southeast Asian and white hunters, an autumn tradition turns deadly

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BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — As several deer hunters made their way through the woods of northern Wisconsin, they were startled to come upon a stranger in their tree stand. But what happened next was even more astonishing.

Asked to leave, the trespasser, wearing blaze-orange and carrying a semiautomatic assault rifle, opened fire on the hunters and didn't stop until his 20-round clip was empty, leaving five people dead and three wounded, authorities said.

The shooter was eventually captured.

The killings baffled authorities and stunned residents in a state where deer hunting is a rite of autumn — a sport practiced by thousands of people who scour the woods for nine days each November with hopes of bagging a trophy buck.

"This is an incredible tragedy, one in which a great family tradition like a deer hunt has turned into such a great loss," Gov. Jim Doyle said Monday.

Police identified the shooter as Chai Vang, 36, a hunter from St. Paul, Minn., who is a member of the Twin Cities' Hmong community. While authorities do not know why he allegedly opened fire, there have been previous clashes between Southeast Asian and white hunters in the region.

Locals have complained that the Hmong, refugees from Laos, do not understand the concept of private property and hunt wherever they see fit. In Minnesota, a fistfight once broke out after Hmong hunters

the rest of the party at a cabin nearby and asked who should be there.

"The answer was nobody should be in the deer stand," Sheriff James Meier said.

One of the men approached the intruder and asked him to leave, as Crotteau and the others in the cabin hopped on their all-terrain vehicles and headed to the scene.

"The suspect got down from the deer stand, walked 40 yards, fiddled with his rifle. He took the scope off his rifle, he turned and he opened fire on the group," Meier said.

One of the men who was shot called for help on his radio, but it was too late. The gunman fired again, hitting the people who had just arrived on ATVs.

The gunman was "chasing after them and killing them," Deputy

Tim Zeigle said. "He hunted them down."

It is unclear whether anyone returned fire. The members of the hunting party had only one gun among them.

The scene Meier described was one of carnage, the bodies strewn around 100 feet apart. The shooter took off into the woods and eventually came upon two other hunters who had not heard about the shootings. Vang told them he was lost, and they offered him a ride to a warden's truck, Meier said. He was then arrested. Authorities plan to bring charges against him later this week.

Vang was carrying an SKS 7.62-mm caliber rifle, a cheap but powerful semiautomatic weapon, authorities said.

Killed were Crotteau, 42; his son Joey, 20; Al Laski, 43; Mark Roidt, 28; and Jessica Willers, 27.

Her said she has heard from some people in St. Paul's Hmong community who said they knew Vang, though not well. About 24,000 Hmong (pronounced "mung") live in St. Paul, the highest concentration of any U.S. city.

"They said he loves to hunt," Her said. "He is a hunting zealot."

Meier said Vang was on the wrong tree stand because he had become lost and wandered unknowingly onto private property. The county has thousands of acres of public hunting land.

Vang spoke good English and investigators said he was cooperative.

"This is an incredible tragedy, one in which a great family tradition like a deer hunt has turned into such a great loss."

— JIM DOYLE
governor of Wisconsin

crossed onto private land, said Ilean Her, director of the St. Paul-based Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

The five killed and three wounded were part of a group of 14 or 15 who made their opening-weekend trip to Robert Crotteau's 400-acre property an annual tradition.

The visit was like any other until around noon Sunday. When two or three hunters spotted a man in their hunting platform in a tree on Crotteau's land, they radioed back to

PETA campaign pitches fish as intelligent and sensitive

David Crary
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Touting tofu chowder and vegetarian sushi as alternatives, animal-rights activists have launched a novel campaign arguing that fish are intelligent, sensitive animals no more deserving of being eaten than a pet dog or cat.

Called the Fish Empathy Project, the campaign reflects a strategy shift by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals as it challenges a diet component widely viewed as nutritious and uncontroversial.

"No one would ever put a hook through a dog's or cat's mouth," said Bruce

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PETA's director of vegan outreach

Friedrich, PETA's director of vegan outreach. "Once people start to understand that fish, although they come in different packaging, are just as intelligent, they'll stop eating them."

The campaign is in its infancy and will face broad skepticism. Major groups such as the American Heart Association recommend fish as part of a healthy diet; some academics say it is wrong to portray the intelligence and pain sensitivity of fish as comparable to mammals.

"Fish are very complex organisms that do all sorts of fascinating things," said University of Wyoming neuroscientist James Rose. "But to suggest they know they what's happening to them and worry about it, that's just not the case."

PETA, headquartered in Norfolk, Va., has campaigned for years against sport fishing, challenging claims by Rose and others that fish caught by anglers do not feel pain.

The Empathy Project is a departure in two respects — attempting to depict the standard practices of commercial fishing as cruel and seeking to convince consumers that there are ethical reasons for not eating fish.

"Fish are so misunderstood because they're so far removed from our daily lives," said Karin Robertson, 24, the Empathy Project manager and daughter of an Indiana fisheries biologist. "They're such interesting, fascinating individuals, yet they're so incredibly abused."

The project was inspired by sever-

al recent scientific studies detailing facets of fish intelligence.

Oxford University researcher Theresa Burt de Perera, for example, reported that the blind Mexican cave fish is able to interpret water pressure changes to construct a detailed mental map of its surroundings.

"Most people dismiss fish as dimwitted pea-brains. ... Yet this is a great fallacy," wrote University of Edinburgh biologist Culum Brown in the June edition of *New Scientist*. "In many areas, such as memory, their cognitive powers match or

exceed those of 'higher' vertebrates, including non-human primates."

Chris Glass of the

Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences in Massachusetts led another recent study, showing how North Sea haddock developed abilities to avoid trawlers' nets.

"There's no doubt that fish of all shapes and forms are capable of learning fairly complex tasks," Glass said. "They can learn from their environment and experience."

Glass declined to endorse the don't-eat-fish appeals.

"We don't want to be caught between warring factions," he said. "We're interested in helping the fisheries industry do a responsible job."

PETA activists plan demonstrations starting next month at selected seafood restaurants nationwide. PETA also will urge changes in commercial fishing practices, for example proposing that trawler crews stun fish before cutting them up.

Friedrich questioned why there is popular support for sparing marine mammals yet minimal concern for species like tuna, "whose suffering would warrant felony animal cruelty charges if they were mammals."

Fish-welfare rules would be a new realm for U.S. commercial fishermen. The National Fisheries Institute, which represents them, has pledged to help sustain fish stocks but its members have never faced cruelty regulations regarding their catch.

"It's irresponsible to discourage people from eating fish at a time when doctors and dietitians advise eating it twice a week," said institute president John Connelly.

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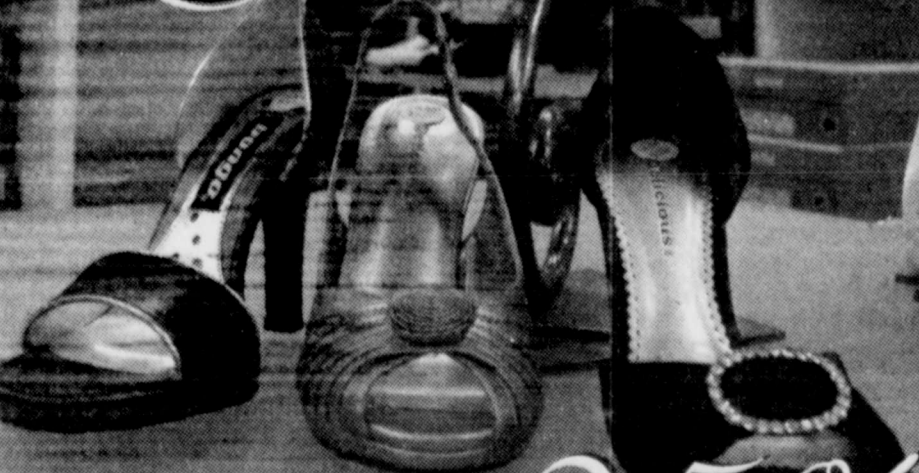
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Stanford senior wins Rhodes Scholarship

STANFORD (AP) — A Stanford University senior was one of 32 American college students selected as Rhodes Scholars for 2005, the scholarship trust announced Sunday.

The scholars, chosen from 904 applicants endorsed by 341 colleges and universities, will enter Oxford University in England next October. The scholarships fund two or three years of study.

Sarah B. Schulman, 20, a human biology and education policy major from Austin, Texas, said her interest in public health began in the fourth grade, when she was horrified by an anti-smoking TV commercial that showed a blackened lung.

As a 10-year-old, she worked with the Texas Department of Health as an undercover tobacco buyer, exposing retailers who illegally sold tobacco to minors.

Four years ago, Schulman founded Youth Infusion, a national non-profit health advocacy group targeting youths, and she still serves as the group's executive director.

Schulman said she plans to pursue a doctorate in comparative social policy, examining social issues at the state level, and dreams of someday becoming surgeon general.

"It's just an amazing honor," she said of being selected as a Rhodes Scholar.

The Rhodes Scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist and diamond magnate Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes.

Past Rhodes Scholars include former President Bill Clinton, U.S. Supreme Court justices Byron White and David Souter, singer/songwriter Kris Kristofferson, former presidential candidates Bill Bradley and Wesley Clark, and James William Fulbright, creator of the Fulbright Scholarships.

Mission top 10: Accomplished

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Mustang cross country runners stuck together as they've done all season, and it worked again.

Hoping for a top 10 finish, Cal Poly placed its top four runners within three seconds of one another as the team finished 10th in the nation at the NCAA Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

Colorado won the 10,000 meter race with two runners in the top five and five scoring members in the top-35.

Cal Poly's 10th place finish is the best in school history at the Division I level and is an improvement of three spots from last year's 13th place finish.

Cal Poly entered the nationals ranked ninth in the nation. The Mustangs finished with 333 points with five Cal Poly scoring runners finishing within one minute of each other.

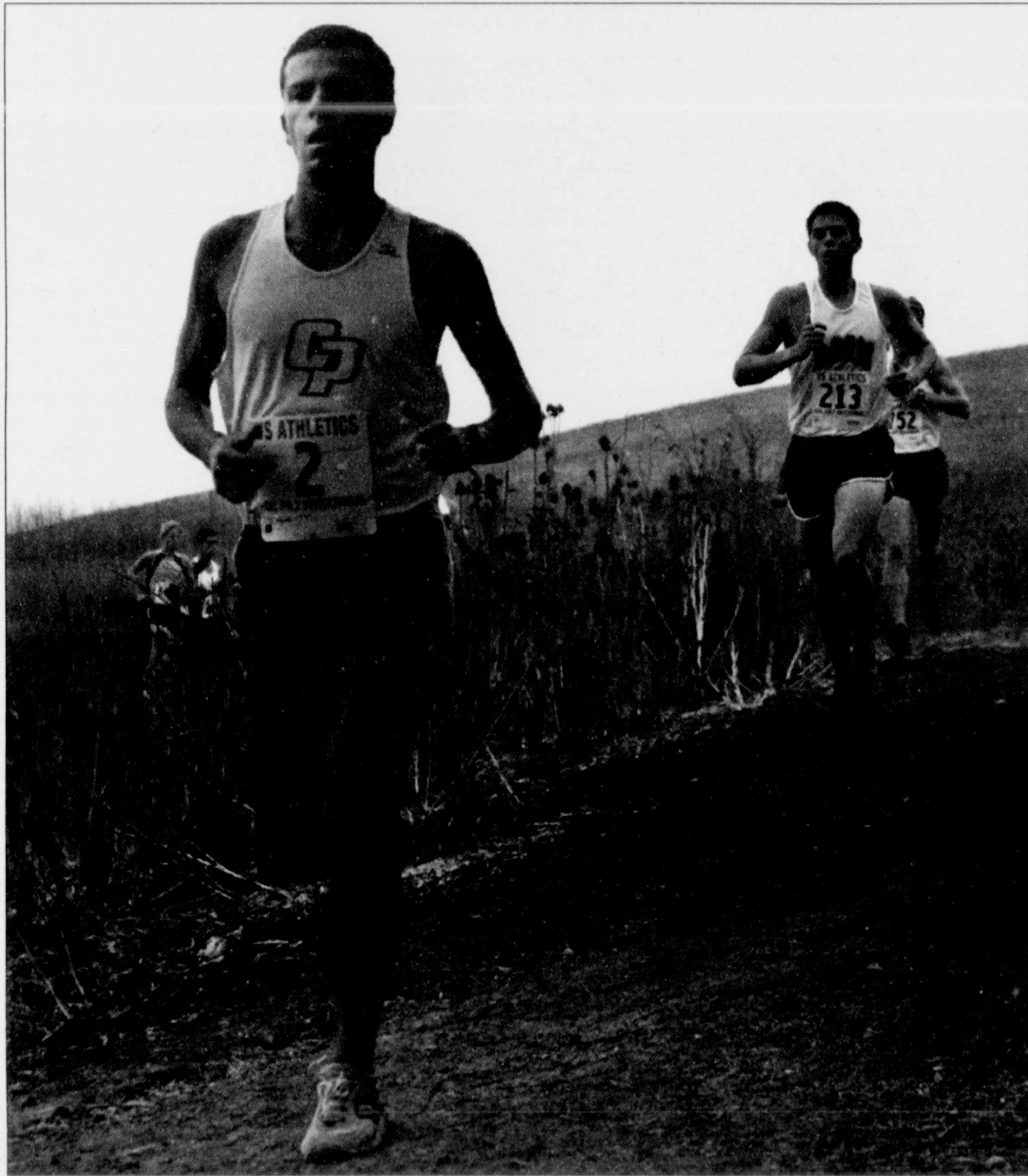
Junior Brandon Collins led the Mustangs for the second year in a row at the nationals. Collins led the team with a 58th place finish and a time of 32:26.

Redshirt freshman Phillip Reid was the second Mustang to cross the finish line in 60th with a time of 32:27 followed by Blake Swier in 65th with a time of 32:28.

Andy Coughlin and Jeff Porto rounded out the scoring members for Cal Poly in 66th and 84th place. The two finished with times of 32:29 and 32:44, respectively.

Ryan Moorcroft and Luke Llamas also competed for the Mustangs and finished with times of 33:22 and 34:09.

Wisconsin entered the race as the top-ranked team and finished second with 94 points followed by Arkansas with 202.



FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly's top five runners finished within one minute of each other and totaled 333 points for 10th place.

MUSTANG NOTES

A sweet and bittersweet Monday

Cross country achieves a season-long goal while football rises to 16th and 17th in the polls, but to no avail

Brian J. Lambdin
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men's cross country team had a goal this season: to finish in the top 10 at the NCAA Division I Championship race.

This past Monday the Mustangs reached that goal.

The men finished 10th at the nationals reaching a goal coach Mark Conover had his team training for all year. The meet was held at Indiana State, on a muddy course that slowed over-all times and made for tougher conditions. The Mustangs were ranked ninth going into the championships and the 10th place finish was the best in Mustang history. At last year's championships, the Mustangs finished 13th.

The Mustangs, who finished virtually together in every race this year, did the same Monday. Four of the top five Mustang runners finished within 10 spots of each other and the times were even closer. The top four Mustang finishers were within 4 seconds of each other.

Colorado University took home both the men's and women's titles. This is the sec-

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Women's basketball storms back to win

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

What a way to open the season.

Storming back from a 13-point deficit, Cal Poly women's basketball made up the difference and more to defeat Navy 72-65 in its regular season opener in Mott Gym.

For the Mustangs, it was the bench play that had the biggest effect.

Off the bench, sophomore guard Jessica Eggleston scored 11 points to complement Katy Paterson's 10 points.

The win evened the series with the Midshipmen at 1-1. Two years ago, Navy posted a four-point victory in Maryland.

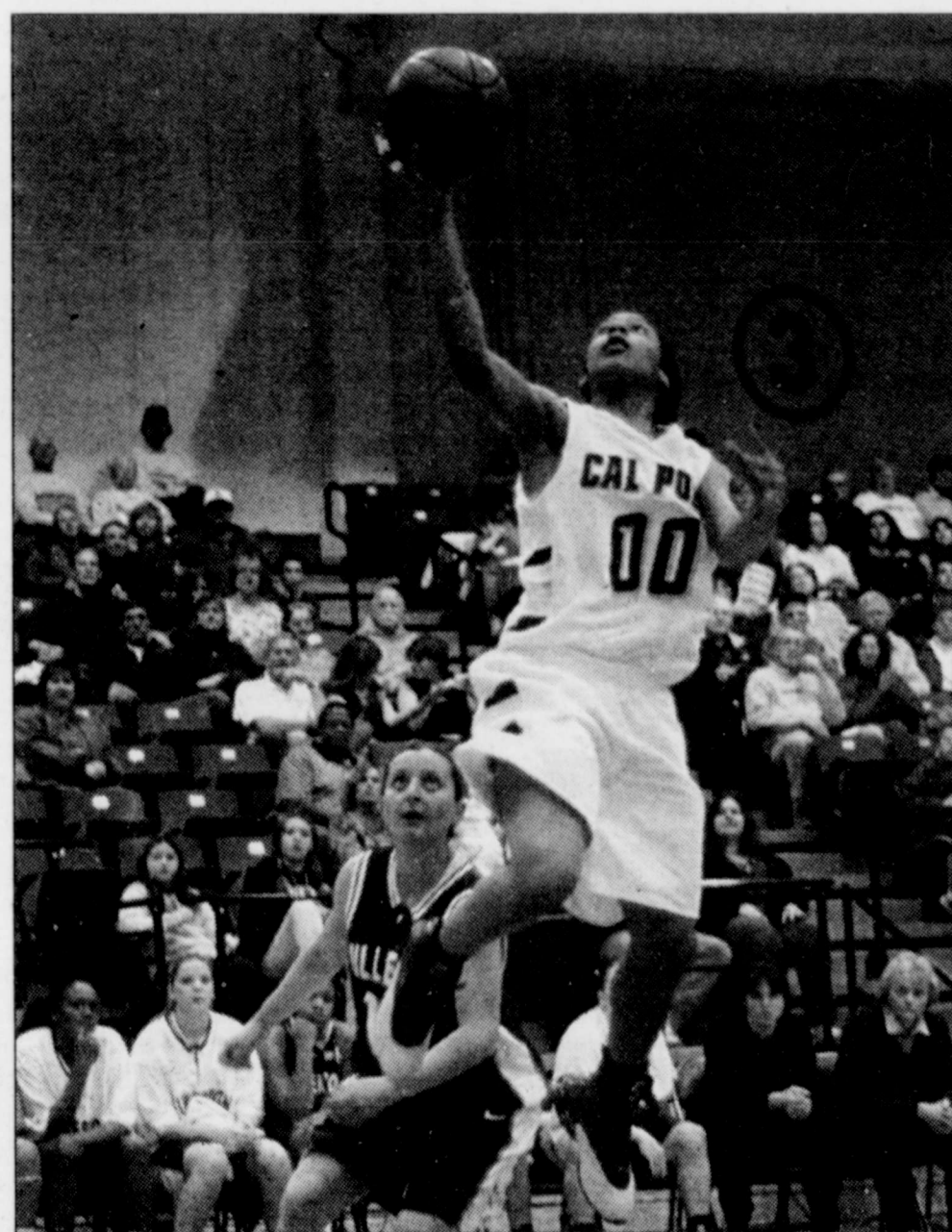
The game was largely one of scoring spurts.

Cal Poly took an early 5-2 lead before Navy went on a 13-0 run and led by as many as 13 points in the first half. But the Mustangs nearly made up the deficit before halftime putting together a 12-0 run of their own.

The run was capped by a pair of free throws from Jennifer Dooley. The Mustangs trailed 23-22 at the time and Navy took a 33-30 lead into halftime.

Navy opened up a 42-34 lead early in the second half, but Cal Poly outscored the Midshipmen 25-4 over the next 8 1/2 minutes and built a 59-46 advantage with 8:37 to play in the game.

Cal Poly made 40.3 percent of its floor shots.



FILE PHOTO

Navy had a 13-0 run, but Cal Poly countered with its own 12-0 spurt.

Undefeated field hockey wins championship over UCSB

Cal Poly moved through Chico in the first round and later defeated Santa Barbara in the championship to finish 15-0-2

Ji Jun
MUSTANG DAILY

When the whistle blew to signal the end of the game, the women of the Cal Poly field hockey team cheered and ran onto the field to celebrate.

It was finally a champion.

Winning 4-0 over UC Santa Barbara, the team won the field hockey championship and finished the season undefeated for an overall record of 15-0-2.

"Hard work pays off in the end," coach Todd Robinson said. "They were excited and ready to play. They knew they would win it."

After dominating teams all season, Cal Poly found itself mostly on the defensive side of the ball against UCSB.

But the unrelenting offense made quick work of UCSB defense.

Over the course of the season, Cal Poly has scored a total of 43

goals with only two goals scored against them.

After the game, and a quick team meeting, the women gathered to take team pictures — a fitting end to a winning season based on team unity and friendship.

"We're going to miss our team," said social science senior April Matthews. "We worked together. We feel great."

To prepare for the final two games, the team focused on its weaknesses and took some time off to rest its bodies.

"We focused on passing. We've been taking it easy. Even our coaches cooked dinner for us," biology senior Karin Milburn said.

The team's preparation paid off against Chico in the first round. UCSB beat UC Davis to battle Cal Poly for the California Championship.

"The Santa Barbara game we were pumped for," Milburn said. "There was no doubt."

Robinson described what the team would receive in place of a trophy.

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Field Hockey

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"We get glory," Robinson said.

The team also made a strong case for creating an official university team that can compete at the

Division I level.

"Next year, we're going to try to get organized and get a more defined league," assistant coach Nick Kreitschitz said.

As for the seniors, some will continue playing the sport they

love.

Others like Milburn are satisfied with the experience they've had.

"I don't know if I will keep playing. There's no team better than our team," Milburn said.

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and title ever from Colorado for both the men and women from Colorado. The top overall men's finisher was Simon Bairu of Wisconsin with a time of 30:38. Wisconsin finished second as a team, with Arkansas in third, Butler in fourth and Brigham Young in fifth. Cal Poly's rival, Stanford, finished in sixth place while Notre Dame, who was ranked fifth going into the championships, finished 11th behind Cal Poly.

Football's rise is bittersweet

Cal Poly's football team jumped to 16th and 17th in the final polls of the 2004 Division I-AA football season. The Mustangs were ranked 18th last week, but since the team was denied a playoff bid the jump in the polls is bittersweet.

Coach Rich Ellerson was happy with his team's 9-2 record and how his team ended the season.

"It was a great season," Ellerson said. "We ended the season the right way. We were playing for a chance to play again and when that didn't happen there was some sadness."

When asked to describe what is arguably the best team Ellerson has ever coached and the best team Cal Poly has had since moving to Division I-AA, Ellerson had some glowing things to say about his team.

"This is a great football team," Ellerson said. "We always did things well and at times we did things

great."

Belief was a core part of this team. Ellerson impressed on his players after they were snubbed from the playoffs that they should not let a committee dictate how they look back at this season.

"We can't allow a committee to detract from what we have accomplished and the positive way the season ended," he said.

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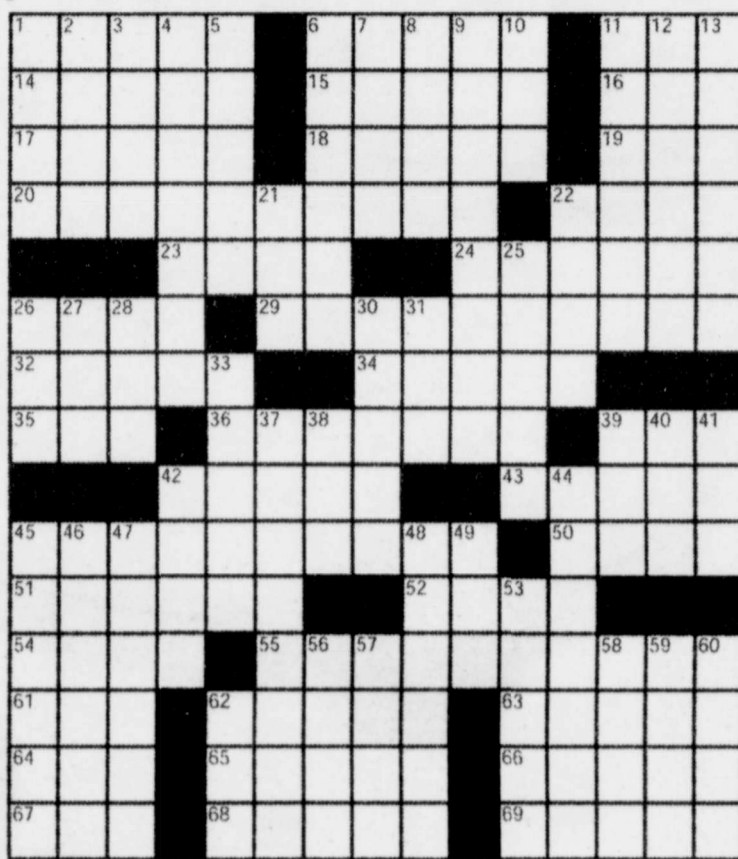
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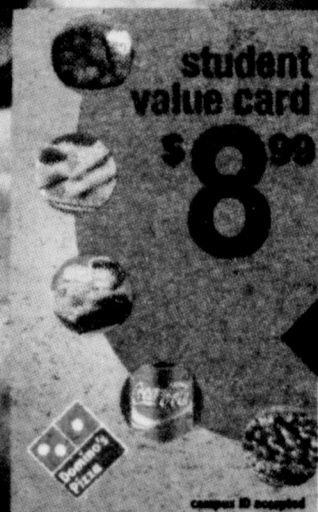
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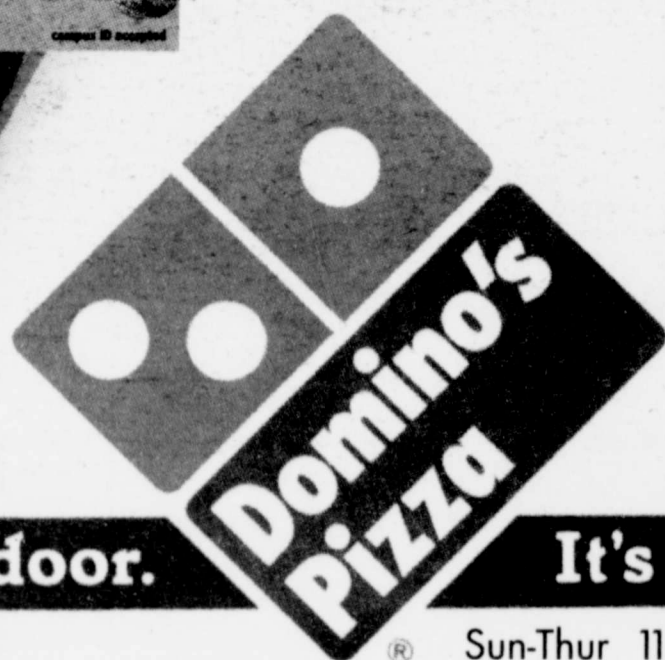
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